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1. During the latter part of August 1951 the Chief of the Shahsavari tribe protested to General Vali (fnu), the Commander of the Iranian Army Division stationed at Ardebil (N38°14' E48°13'), that there was not a sufficient supply of bread and cereals for his tribe. He warned General Vali that, if the Iranian Government did not take steps to rectify this situation, the Shahsavari could be expected to "take drastic action."
2. Pursuant to this conversation, General Vali telegraphed General Abbas Garzan, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Army, for instructions. Subsequently the Governor General of Azerbaijan was instructed to provide an adequate supply of bread and cereals for the Shahsavari tribe.
3. Because the 1951 crops in the Iranian areas of Moghan, Ajarud, and Velkij (near the Soviet frontier) are extremely meager, many of the inhabitants of this area are migrating to Ardebil. Iranian frontier officials fear that this will result in increased brigandage and anticipate that the number of illegal crossings by Iranians into the Soviet Union will increase. As of 14 September 1951 the Iranian Government had taken no steps to alleviate the famine conditions of this area.

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